

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980– Diversion of **0.0537 ha (revised from 0.0781 ha)** forest land (**FP/TG/Pipeline/466717/2024**) for laying of Steel Gas Pipeline passing through Mailaram RF and Gajwel Shareef RF from Chowdarpally to Sangapur Road in Gajwel range under Siddipet forest division of Siddipet district in favor of M/s.Maharastra Natural Gas Limited – **Final (Stage.II) approval** accorded – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 66

Dated: 26-06-2025
Read the following:-

- 1.From the PCCF (HoFF), T.S., Hyd., Lr.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/12/2024-FCA Section, dt.23-08-2024.
- 2.Govt. Lr.No.4174/For.I (1)/2024, Dt.25.09.2024.
3. From the Assistant Inspector General of Forests, GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-Regional Office, Hyderabad, Dt.26.11.2024.
4. From the PCCF (HoFF), T.S., Hyd., Lr.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/12/2024-FCA Section, dt.19-01-2025.
- 5.Govt. Letter. No.4174/For.I(1)/2024, Dated:30.01.2025.
6. From the Assistant Inspector General of Forests, GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-Regional Office, Hyderabad, Dt.20.03.2025.
- 7.From the PCCF (HoFF), T.S., Hyd., Lr.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/12/2024-FCA Section, dt.08-06-2025.

ORDER

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad has furnished a proposal for diversion **0.0537 ha (revised from 0.0781 ha)** forest land (**FP/TG/Pipeline/466717/2024**) for laying of Steel Gas Pipeline passing through Mailaram RF and Gajwel Shareef RF from Chowdarpally to Sangapur Road in Gajwel range under Siddipet forest division of Siddipet district in favor of M/s.Maharastra Natural Gas Limited.

2. In the letter 3rd read above, the Ministry of Environment & Forests GoI, have granted in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the proposal forwarded vide letter 2nd read above, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated thereof.
3. In the letter 5th read above, the State Government have forwarded the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by GoI, as submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad in his letter 4th read above, to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Hyderabad, for according necessary approval.
4. In the letter 6th read above, Central Government have granted final approval for the proposal No (**FP/TG/Pipeline/466717/2024**) under Section- 2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein. Subsequently, the PCCF, Hyderabad has requested the state Government to accord Stage-II approval vide letter 7th read above.
5. Accordingly, Government hereby accord final (Stage-II) approval for diversion of **0.0537 ha (revised from 0.0781 ha)** forest land (**FP/TG/Pipeline/466717/2024**) for laying of Steel Gas Pipeline passing through Mailaram RF and Gajwel Shareef RF from Chowdarpally to Sangapur Road in Gajwel range under Siddipet forest division of Siddipet district

in favor of M/s.Maharastra Natural Gas Limited, under section- 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

1.General Conditions

S.No	Conditions
1.1	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged
1.2	The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation, at the current wage rate, to the State Forest Department. The CA scheme may include afforestation of indigenous species with appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years
1.3	The compensatory afforestation scheme, as approved, shall be implemented by the State Forest Department at the project cost within a period of three years from the date of grant of 'Final' approval;
1.4	The State Government shall realize the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the guidelines given in Chapter – 3 of the Consolidated Guidelines and Clarification issued by the Ministry in accordance with the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India's order dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202/1995 in the matter of T. N.Godavarman Thirumalpad vs. Union of India
1.5	The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;
1.6	Compensatory levies, to be realized from the User Agency, in lieu of diversion of forest land, shall be transferred/ deposited, through e-payment module (https://parivesh.nic.in/) of PARIVESH, into the concerned account of State/UT CAMPA, managed by the National Authority (CAMPA);
1.7	The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required
1.8	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;
1.9	Demarcation of the proposed forest area to be diverted shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters by the User Agency prior to execution of work in consultation with the DFO/DCF concerned and report compliance. The SFD shall not hand over the diverted forest land to the UA till the forest land diverted is demarcated with RCC pillars on the field is completed. ATR in this regard may be submitted to the RO.
1.10	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.0537 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
1.11	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government
1.12	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal

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1.13	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government
1.14	The User Agency shall ensure that because of this project, no damage is caused to the wildlife available in the area;
1.15	The user agency shall explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
1.16	The cost of felling of trees, if any, shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department;
1.17	Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate with the approval of competent authority in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife;
1.18	The State Government, before issuing the final diversion order, shall ensure that the user agency has complied with all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble CourtOrder (s) and NGT Order (s), including compliance of Forest Rights Act, 2006, pertaining to this project, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project. The forest land shall not be handed over to the UA until the RoFR settlement is completed.

2. Standard conditions

S. No	Conditions
2.1	The KML file of the forest area to be diverted and CA area shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details and same shall be submitted along with GPS id
2.2	Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up over an identified area of degraded forest land in Comp.No.264, Gajwel Shareef RF, Mutrajpally beat of Gajwel section in Siddipet district for GAP (LIM) plantation with financial outlay for Rs.9.90 lakhs in lieu of diversion of subject proposal as per the approved CA scheme.
2.3	The UA shall take necessary step to prevent disturbances if any due to the construction of other road proposal cutting across the current alignment of the pipeline.

3. Specific Conditions

S. No	Conditions
3.1	The UA may bear the cost of raising strip plantation along the pipeline after its laying in addition to the regular CA scheme submitted by the SFD.
3.2	The User Agency shall provide CA-NFL area for compensatory afforestation in lieu of the forest area diverted, if applicable, based on the final outcome in the WP No.1164/2023 in the Hon'ble Supreme Court. An undertaking from the user agency in this regard may be obtained.

6. The Nodal Officer shall be responsible for obtaining the compliance of all the conditions laid down in the Stage-II (final) approval accorded under the Van (Sanrakshan Eevam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

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7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

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